Metro Rail Project

†686. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Metro Rail Project (underground or surface rail) has been started for smooth movement of traffic in the metropolitan region of Delhi, and the estimated expenditure to be incurred on the said project along with the areas to be served by the said project;

(b) the expenditure incurred so far on the proposed project and the work completed in so far comparison to the target; and

(c) the areas where the said project would become functional in the next two years along with the timeframe fixed for completion of the entire project?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Delhi Metro Phase I Project consists of three corridors which will connect the following areas:—

Corridor 1—It connects Shahdara, Welcome, Seelampur, Shastri Park, Kashmere Gate, Tis Hazari, Pratap Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Inder Lok, Kanhiya Nagar, Keshav Puram, Netaji Subash Place, Kohat Enclave, Pitampura, Rohini, Rithala, Daulatpur, Pehladpur and Barwala.

Corridor 2— Its connects Vishwa Vidyalaya, Vidhan Sabha, Civil Lines, Kashmere Gate, Delhi Main Railway Station, Chawri Bazari, New Delhi Railway Station, Connaught Place, Patel Chowk and Central Secretariat.

Corridor 3— Its connects Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, R.K. Ashram Marg, Jhandewalan, Karol Bagh, Rajendra Place, Patel Nagar, Shadipur, Kirti Nagar, Ramesh Nagar, Rajouri Garden, Tagore Garden, Subhash Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Ganesh Nagar, Uttam Nagar, Prem Nagar, Nawada and Dwarka.

The estimated expenditure to be incurred on this project is Rs. 10571 crore.

Expenditure incurred till 30.06.2004 is Rs. 6276 crore.

Work Completed in area compared to whole Phase I project till 30.08.2004 is 67%.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Scheduled completion date of the project as indicated by DMRC is December, 2005.

Common Area in DDA and Group Housing Flats

687. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrace is considered as a Common Area in DDA and Group Housing Flats in Delhi; and

(b) if so, Government's policy towards the flat owners of the top floor who have already illegally occupied, built up and encroached upon the whole area thus depriving the other floor owners of their legitimate right to have access to the common area?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) DDA has reported that the terrace in DDA built flats is not considered as a common area. The top terrace belongs to the allottee of top floor but access to the terrace is allowed to the lower floor allottees for maintenance of their water storage tanks, antennas, etc. In case of Cooperative Group Housing Society Flates, the terrace is considered as a common area.

Construction of one room on the terrace is allowed to the top floor allottee with prior permission. In case of violations involving illegal occupation or unauthorised construction on the terrace and depriving other floor owners of their legitimate right to have access to the common area, action is taken by DDA as per rules.

Commercialisation of basements

688. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that basements in residential colonies in Delhi are being used illegally for commercial activities on large scale causing problems of congestion, parking, security and cleanliness of the area;

(b) for what use a basement can be put to as per the Master Plan of Delhi-2001, MCD Act etc.; and

(c) the steps taken to check commercialisation of basements?